



# Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

## Leelanau County, MI

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

Leelanau County was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located in northwest Michigan, Leelanau County (population 21,119) is a peninsula made up of 11 townships and three villages. A preliminary database search indicates the presence of several historic dump sites, 34 petroleum sites, and 17 open and 34 closed leaking underground storage tank sites. The county's brownfields sites are eyesores to the community and represent unsafe conditions. Over half of the full-time population in Leelanau County is employed in low-wage jobs. Almost half of the county's working residents work outside of Leelanau. At the same time, Leelanau's population is growing, intensifying the need for land use planning, jobs, and affordable housing. Assessment of brownfields will



### Assessment Grant



#### \$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected Leelanau County for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum grant funds will be used to inventory and prioritize about 50 sites and perform 20 Phase I, ten Phase II, and four baseline environmental site assessments. Funds also will be used to support community outreach activities and conduct public health monitoring.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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help the county prepare properties for redevelopment that will expand job opportunities, provide housing, and protect open space.